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SUBJECT: ZIA TO COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE

REF: DACCA 2969 (NOTAL)

1. BANGLADESH PRESIDENT MAJOR GENERAL ZIAUR RAHMAN,
FRESH FROM A RESOUNDING TRIUMPH IN A MAY 30 REFERENDUM,
WILL LEAVE DACCA JUNE 6 AT THE HEAD OF AN EIGHT-
MEMBER DELEGATION TO ATTEND THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF
NATION CONFERENCE IN LONDON. ACCOMPANYING ZIA WILL BE
SHAMSUL HUQ, THE ADVISOR FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (IN EFFECT
FOREIGN MINISTER); TABARAK HUSAIN, FOREIGN SECRETARY;
FARUK A. CHOWDHURY, AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES;
SHAFIUL AZAM, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION;
NURUL ISLAM, PRINCIPAL STAFF OFFICER; AND DR. MOHIUDDIN
ALAMGIR, RESEARCH DIRECTOR OF THE BANGLADESH INSTITUTE
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COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, ALSO WILL JOIN THE DELEGATION.

2. IN ADDITION TO ATTENDING THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE, ZIA INTENDS
TO MEET WITH SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS OF BANGLADESHI NATIONALS.
ACCORDING TO THE DACCA PRESS, THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS, THE
BANGLADESH WELFARE ASSOCIATION AND THE BANGLADESH CATERERS
ASSOCIATION, HAVE PLANNED SEVERAL ELABORATE RECEPTIONS.

3. COMMENT: ZIA WILL NO DOUBT ENJOY MIXING WITH COMMON-WEALTH LEADERS AND SAVORING HIS STATUS AS A POPULAR BANGLADESH PRESIDENT, HAVING RECEIVED AN ALMOST 99 PERCENT FAVORABLE VOTE MAY 30 (REFTEL). HE WILL ALSO PROBABLY TRY TO ESTABLISH A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIA PRIME MINISTER DESAI, WHOM HE WILL MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME, ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS.
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